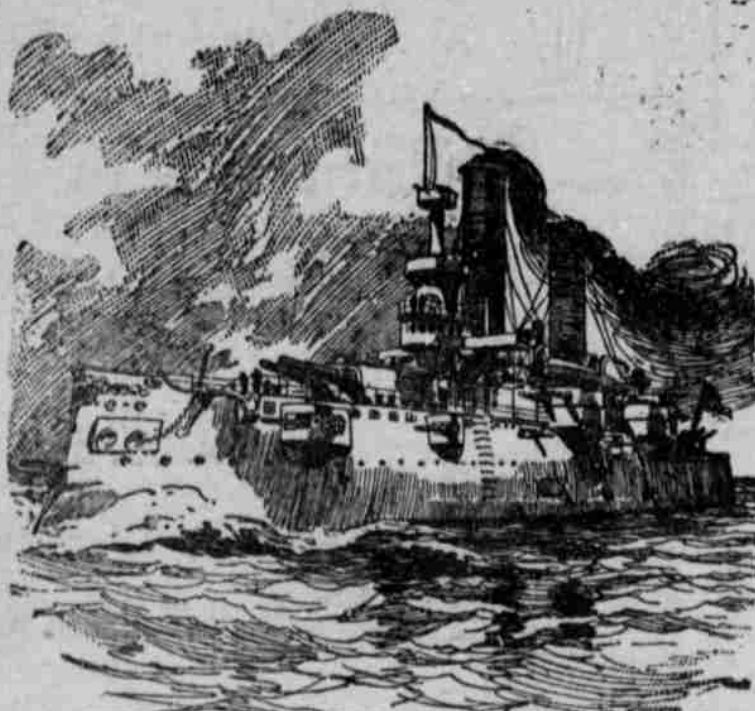


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## THEY'RE STILL DODGING.

No Meeting Yet Between the Hostile Fleets in the Neighborhood of Cuba.

### ALL MOVEMENTS ARE CONJECTURAL.

The safety of the Oregon practically assured if she has made her average speed since leaving Bahia she should be now with Admiral Sampson in Cuban Waters.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—There has been no meeting yet between the hostile fleets in the neighborhood of Cuba. That was all that could be learned at the navy department. If the department is aware of the location of the Spanish squadron, it is carefully concealing the fact. By this time, supposing Schley to have gone southward, he should be somewhere off the coast of Cuba, and it may be that he has joined forces with Sampson. Naval officers are hoping that the Spanish squadron has really passed through the straits of Yucatan into the gulf of Mexico, for in that case there is a reasonable expectation that by combined action on the part of Sampson and Schley, one starting at the Windward passage and the other around the south of Cuba, and coming into the Yucatan straits, the Spaniards will be effectually snared.

The officers of the department are unable to account for the reports coming from several ports in the gulf and the waters in the vicinity of Hayti that there was heavy cannonading Sunday in that vicinity, for there is no report yet of an action and no American ships are known to have been in the localities named.

### CHARLESTON HAS SAILED.

The First of the Reinforcements for Admiral Dewey Sailed Away for the Philippines.

VALLEJO, Cal., May 18.—The cruiser Charleston got under way for Manila shortly after 10 a. m. Salutes were fired at Mare Island navy yard, and the employees of the yard and citizens of Vallejo who were assembled along the shore vigorously cheered the departing vessel. The compasses of the Charleston will be adjusted as she proceeds down the bay, and no stop will be made at San Francisco. On board the Charleston are a number of newspaper correspondents, among them Mr. E. Langley Jones, who has been ordered to Manila to report operations of the United States forces there for the Associated Press.

The Charleston was heavily loaded with ammunition for her own guns in addition to a large supply of powder and projectiles for Admiral Dewey's fleet. No troops were carried on the Charleston, and she had no room for more than her own crew of 380 men. The cruiser was heavily loaded with coal, but will not have much left when she reaches Manila.

### THE NEW SPANISH CABINET.

Senor Sagasta Has Called Around Him Another Ministry to be Submitted to the Queen Regent.

MADRID, May 18.—The new Spanish cabinet has been formed at Sagasta's residence. President of the Council of Ministers—Senor Praxedes Sagasta. Minister of Foreign Affairs—Senor Leon y Castillo. Minister of War—Lieut. Gen. Correa. Minister of Marine—Senor Anson. Minister of the Colonies—Senor Romero Gilon. Minister of Finance—Senor Lopez Puigcerver. Minister of the Interior—Senor F. R. Capdepon. Minister of Justice—Senor C. Greillard. Minister of Public Instruction—Senor Camazo.

Senor Sagasta will submit the names of the ministers to the queen regent during the day, and the cabinet officers will be sworn later. The premier will act as foreign minister pending the arrival here of Senor Castillo.

### SPANISH CAPE VERDE FLEET.

Report of its Arrival at San Juan, Porto Rico, Can Not be Confirmed at Present.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Hayti, May 18.—Nothing is known here of the report from Port Plate, San Domingo, to the effect that the Spanish Cape Verde fleet, commanded by Admiral Cervera, has arrived at Porto Rico. The latest news which reached Port-au-Prince concerning the Spanish warships simply confirmed the report that they left Curacao, Dutch West Indies, on Sunday afternoon last, for an unknown destination, after having taken on board coal and provisions.

Tenth Pennsylvania to Go to Manila. WASHINGTON, May 18.—Gen. Miles said that the Tenth Pennsylvania volunteers would be ordered to San Francisco for the Philippine expedition.

Ambulances for the Government. SOUTH BEND, Ind., May 18.—The Studebaker Bros' Manufacturing Co. shipped 17 cars of ambulance wagons to Mobile, Ala., for the use of the government.

### River News.

STATIONS.	Gauge.	Change in 24 hours.	High Water.
Pittsburgh	12.5	0.5	—
Cincinnati	20.0	0.5	—
St. Louis	20.0	0.5	—
St. Paul	20.0	0.5	—
Memphis	20.0	0.5	—
Mobile	20.0	0.5	—
San Francisco	20.0	0.5	—
San Diego	20.0	0.5	—
San Jose	20.0	0.5	—
San Juan	20.0	0.5	—

—Fall T. Price.

## THE CABLES MUST BE CUT.

The Government Concludes that Blanco Must be Isolated in the Island of Cuba.

### TOO MANY LINES OF COMMUNICATION.

They Interfere with Our Operations, and, as a Military Necessity, Must be Cut. The Operation Will be Performed Off Santiago de Cuba, Where the Lines Leave the Island.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The complete isolation of Gen. Blanco from the outside world is now looked upon by leading military and naval authorities as an essential move, to be executed at the earliest possible moment. The pressing need of this has become more evident within the last few days, since Gen. Blanco is known to have been in constant cable communication with the admiral of the Spanish squadron, also with Madrid. He has been an intermediary between the government and the admiral, informing them of his own needs and advising them on matters of policy.

The authorities here feel the need of bringing this communication to an end, and official inquiry has developed that there will be little difficulty in isolating Capt. Gen. Blanco if the necessary steps are quickly taken and energetically.

Havana's communication with the outside world is carried on by means of five distinct cable lines. Two of these connect the United States and are, of course, closed against Gen. Blanco. The remaining three cable exists from



ADMIRAL CERVERA. Commanding the Spanish Fleet Now on the Way to a Cuban Port of Refuge.

Havana are by way of Santiago, on the south coast of Cuba. Havana is connected by two land lines with Santiago and also by one shore cable with Santiago. The actual departure of the cables from Cuba occurs at Santiago, two of the lines running thence to Jamaica and one to Hayti. When a message has once left Cuba by one of the three lines said to open it has no less than six foreign routes it can adopt after leaving Jamaica or Hayti. From Jamaica one route goes to Colon, Cape Verde Islands, and thence to Spain; a second route goes to Bermuda, Halifax, and thence to Spain; a third route goes to Venezuela, Port-au-Prince, Cape Verde, and thence to Spain; a fourth route goes to the Windward Islands, Dutch Guiana, Pernambuco, Cape Verde, and thence to Spain. From Hayti there are two routes, one to Venezuela, Port-au-Prince, Cape Verde and Spain, and a second by way of the Windward Islands to British Guiana.

The authorities here have, with much labor, figured out all of these various means by which Gen. Blanco can keep up his communications. They are then of the opinion that the three cables running to Santiago are the routes from which all these various branches spring, and if this triple route is cut the entire system of communication between Cuba and the outside world will be at an end.

Santiago is not a strongly-fortified town, and it is believed there would be little danger attending the cutting of the three cables at that point.

Right to cut these cables is not doubted by the authorities here, although most of them are British cables. The chief signal officer, Gen. Greely, first advanced the principle that in time of war the right existed to destroy property found in an enemy's territory, and in the case of cables, that the right existed to destroy them within the three leagues constituting Spain's jurisdiction. The principle has now been accepted, and it is the policy on which the government is acting. When the cables at Santiago will be cut is not disclosed, but there is strong pressure towards having the work done immediately, for, until it is done Gen. Blanco maintains his communications, and is thus enabled to embarrass the operations of the military and naval forces.

### HAS ELUDED THE ENEMY.

The Battleship Oregon Officially Reported Safe, But Her Position Remains a Secret.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Secretary Long said: "It can be stated positively and officially that the Oregon is safe, but it can not be properly made known where she is."

### THE FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

(First Regular Session.) SENATE.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—A house bill reported by the committee on claims was passed directing the payment to Samuel McKee, of Kentucky, \$1,718 for expenses incurred by him in a contest for his seat in the forty-first congress.

A bill providing that officers in the regular army shall be eligible to staff appointments in the volunteer army, and that governors, with the consent of the president, may appoint officers of the regular army in the grades of field officers in organizations of the volunteer army in the District of Columbia and Indian territory, was passed.

Mr. Hawley called up the report of the conference on the bill suspending the action of certain existing laws relating to the purchase of supplies by the quartermaster's department of the army, and it was finally agreed to.

The house bill making it a grave, penal offense for any person to photograph or make public at any time the strength of fortifications of the United States was taken up.

Mr. McKean (N. J.) offered an amendment making the law operative only in time of war. The bill was discussed at some length by Messrs. Bailey, Hall, Belknap, Bennett, Sayers, Hall, Cox, Decker, and Perkins.

Referring to a recent publication in a New York paper, Mr. McKean said: "While this miserable wretch," referring to the alleged spy Downing, "was here hanging himself, I am told this paper was spreading broadcast to the world the exact location of every mine in New York harbor."

The amendment offered by Mr. McKean was defeated, and a motion to recommit was made by Mr. Connolly (Ill.), which prevailed, the bill failing to pass.

The pension deficiency bill, without debate, was passed. The house adjourned at 1:32 p. m.

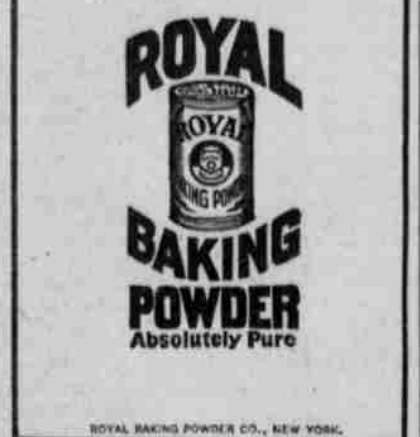
**Favor an Anglo-American Alliance.** SHANGHAI, May 18.—The newspapers here and public opinion in general strongly favor the Anglo-American alliance as proposed in the speech which Mr. Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, recently made at Birmingham, England.

**Alleged Repulse of an American Landing Party.** LONDON, May 18.—According to a special dispatch from Havana, published here, there has been an engagement off the port of Calbarien, province of Santa Clara, and it is alleged, an American party has been repulsed.

**The Flying Squadron at Key West.** CHICAGO, May 18.—A special from Key West says: Commander Schley with his flying squadron has arrived here. Dispatches from the commodore were sent ashore, and replies from Washington were promptly delivered.

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### GOING TO THE PHILIPPINES.

Pennsylvania's Crack Tenth Infantry to Be a Portion of Gen. Merritt's Expeditionary Force.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Recognizing the excellent soldier material in the Pennsylvania troops, the war department has decided to draw on that state for supplying in part the quota for the Philippine expedition. The Tenth regiment has been selected for this work, and orders have been issued carrying it to San Francisco, that the men may leave with one of the first ships for Manila. The Tenth is said to be the crack organization of the state, and was actively engaged in keeping the peace during the time of the Haytian riots when a number of men lost their lives. The earlier program contemplated the dispatch of the regiment to Tampa, but all this has now been changed, and Louisville, it

### WEDDED AT THE CAPITAL.

Marriage of Secretary Alger's Youngest Daughter and Charles Burrall Pike, of Chicago.

### PRESIDENT AND MRS. MCKINLEY PRESENT.

Prominence of Army and Navy Uniforms Among the Costumes of the Guests Suggestive of the Troublesome Times—A Wedding Breakfast and Then Away for an Extended Tour.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Under a canopy of roses, orchids and vines, interlaced with roses and loops of pink ribbon, all radiating from a softly-shaded electric light, Frances Anna Alger, the youngest daughter of the secretary of war, and Charles Burrall Pike, of Chicago, son of Eugene S. Pike, one of the city's most energetic and influential citizens, were married at noon at the residence of Secretary Alger.

President and Mrs. McKinley were near the wedding party during the ceremony, as were the vice-president and Mrs. Hobart. The company was a most distinguished one and reflected in a brilliant sense the official world of the capital. The presence of so many officers of the army and navy in full dress uniform suggested the momentous events in which the nation is now most interested.

The floral adornments of the house, while as elaborate as ever seen in this city, were at the same time the most artistic. Bridesmaid and bridesmaids, and bridesmaids in pink and white varieties were combined with asparagus and ribbon garlands. The electric lights in the ceiling of the main drawing room were made the centers of two canopy effects, which nearly covered the entire space.

In the music room, where the permanent coloring is yellow, the same effect was attained with yellow blossoms and the green vines, and in the other rooms were delicate combinations of floral fragrance and color.

Mrs. Alger received the guests, and looked unusually handsome in a mourning costume of black silk and jetted chiffon. When the wedding ceremony announced the entrance of the bride, the guests separated and the bride and groom were escorted to the drawing room, through which the party passed to the waiting elegyman. The groom and his best man, Mr. Wm. Pike, entered by the east door of the drawing room, the bride's party came by a longer route, through the dining room and music room. At the head were the mothers, Capt. Alger, Edgar R. Coffin, of Chicago, George H. Ingalls, of Cincinnati, and Walter Cary, of Milwaukee.

The bridesmaids were Miss Helen Pitts and Miss Chittenden, of Detroit; Miss Miles and Miss Jessie Gary. Miss Henry, of Detroit, cousin of the bride, preceded her as maid of honor.

The bride came in with her father, and at the entrance to the wedding house was met by the groom, Rev. John Reid, of Detroit, the pastor of the church, attended by the family, then performed the ceremony.

All the family was home for the wedding. The bride's wedding dress was of heavy white satin, made in the style of Marie Antoinette and trimmed with point lace. Her tulle veil was intensely becoming. Crowning her dark hair was a spray of orange blossoms. The groom's gift, a large diamond star, was worn with other flashing gems. Following the ceremony, the wedding breakfast was served at small tables set in the dining room, the halls and music-room.

Late in the afternoon, and a vigorous peeling of old slippers and showers of rice, the couple started for a honeymoon jaunt, making the first part of the trip aboard the Alger private car.

Mr. and Mrs. Pike will take plenty of time for their bride's journey, and then will settle down to housekeeping in Chicago in a fine residence of their own. Mr. Pike is a member of a well-known law firm in Chicago and a Harvard graduate.

### SLOWLY PASSING AWAY.

Mr. Gladstone Liable to Expire at Any Moment—May Pass Away During Summer.

HAWAIIAN, May 18.—Dr. Dobbie in an interview said: "Mrs. Gladstone does not leave her husband's bedside where she sits holding Mr. Gladstone's hand. Although extremely distressed she is bearing up with considerable fortitude."

"Mr. Gladstone may expire at any moment, though he may live another 24 hours. Any attempts to administer food seem to bore him. His attendants keep his lips moist with spirits and water at intervals. He will probably die peacefully during slumber."

### FORBIDDEN INFORMATION.

News Relating to Prospective Naval Movements Will Not Be Sent by the Commercial Cable Co.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The Commercial Cable Co. sent out the following notice: "The United States authorities declare that all messages containing information of prospective naval movements and current military operations are inimical to the United States, and are consequently forbidden. Senders of press and other messages are requested not to include such matter. If any such is found it will be stricken out by the censor."

**First New Hampshire Volunteers.** NEW YORK, May 18.—The First regiment of New Hampshire volunteers, 1,136 strong, passed through Jersey City en route to Chickamauga.

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### RESCUE OF MISS MULLER.

Thrilling Incident of the Rebellion Against the Hot Tax by the Natives of Sierra Leone.

LONDON, May 18.—Mail advices received here from Free Town, the capital of the British colony of Sierra Leone, West Africa, give details of the rescue of Miss Muller, an American missionary, who was alone in the mission house in the Sherbro district when it was invaded by natives in rebellion against the hut tax.

Terrible experiences are recounted by the advices. For three days there was bloodshed throughout the town, while the natives were engaged in the work of massacre and destruction.

A boat's crew from a British warship just reached the mission in time to rescue Miss Muller. A number of the natives, frightened by the sight of the blood of other victims, had already surrounded the mission, when the soldiers appeared on the scene.

**THE ALABAMA TOOK WATER.**

The First of the Three New Battleships of Her Class Successfully Launched at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—The battleship, Alabama, was successfully launched at Cramp's shipyard at 12:30 p. m. The Alabama is the first to be launched of the three new battleships of her type, the other two being the Illinois and Wisconsin. She presents marked divergencies of design from the first three, the Oregon, Indiana and Massachusetts. These differences involve both the arrangement of the battery and the disposition of the armor as well as a considerable increase in size and displacement.

Her length over all is 374 feet; breadth, 72 feet; forward, 30 feet; freeboard abaft the after turret 13 feet 4 inches; draught, 23 feet 6 inches; displacement, 11,320 tons. The guaranteed speed is to be 16 knots, and the estimated horse-power 10,000.

The builders say the construction of the Alabama has been delayed over a year by the failure of the last congress to provide the necessary armor. Had prompt provision been made for the manufacture of the armor, the Alabama would at this time instead of being launched, be fitting out for service.

### ONLY FIVE HOUSES LEFT.

The Town of Cunningham, Kas., About Swept from the Face of the Earth by a Tornado.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 18.—A special to the Star from Cunningham, Kas., says: "A destructive tornado swept over the western part of this county last night about six o'clock. The town of Cunningham was almost swept off the earth. The town was struck in the southwest corner. The cloud traveled in a north-westerly direction, demolishing the hotel two livery barns, part of the Wichita & Western depot and part of the business and residence portions of the town. There are only five houses left standing. The track of the storm was 200 yards wide, and everything was swept clean."

People saw the cloud about twenty minutes before it struck the town and rushed to their cellars. Nobody was seriously injured, although a good deal of stock was killed. The cloud raised on the edge of town, jumped over a farmhouse and then struck the ground again and the storm was preceded by a terrible rain and hail.

Cunningham is a small town on the Wichita & Western road, 60 miles west of Wichita.

### PRUSSIAN DIET CLOSED.

Emperor William, in Person, Read the Closing Speech, Which was Devoted to Internal Affairs.

BERLIN, May 18.—The Prussian diet was closed by Emperor in person at the royal castle. His majesty read his speech, which was wholly devoted to internal affairs. He concluded with saying: "At the end of the tenth year of my reign, I am sincerely grateful to the diet for having greatly assisted me in promoting the welfare of the people. I derive therefrom confidence that with God's assistance it will be possible to preserve what we have attained and to do justice to fresh and ever-increasing tasks, the accomplishment of which the welfare of the fatherland requires."

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